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MEDIA RELEASE

Lake County Sheriff's Office Mourns the Passing of Canine Diesel

It is with a very heavy heart we announce the passing of Sheriff's Canine Diesel. Canine Diesel passed away yesterday, September 11, 2021, in the company of his partner, Deputy Craig Somerville. Canine Diesel was recently diagnosed with an aggressive cancer, which was found to be in an advanced stage. Canine Diesel was seven years old and would have celebrated his eighth birthday on September 15th.

Canine Diesel, who started his career in early 2015, will be remembered for finding dozens of missing endangered people, fleeing felons, and significant amounts of contraband. Canine Diesel anxiously awaited every day for Deputy Somerville to open the squad car door, so he could go to work.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "We are incredibly saddened by the sudden passing of Canine Diesel. Canine Diesel was a sworn member of our staff and added such tremendous value to our office and to the community. His accomplishments throughout the years will never be forgotten and we will forever be grateful for his service to Lake County. Deputy Somerville lost the closest partner a deputy could have, and we mourn with him."

Canine Diesel will be missed and mourned by all members of the sheriff's office and the Lake County community.

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